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Michigan Commission for the Blind Holds April Meeting in Kalamazoo

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The Michigan Commission for the Blind (MCB) will hold its monthly meeting Monday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the MCB Training Center, 1541 Oakland Drive, in Kalamazoo.

In addition to monthly updates by commission staff, the April meeting agenda includes a Special Education update by Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson from the Department of Education, a Family Independence Agency update by agency director Nannette M. Bowler, and a presentation on Creative Strategies for Teaching Orientation and Mobility by Jim Baird and Bonnie Betz.

The meeting site is accessible. Individuals attending the meeting are requested to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products in order to enhance accessibility for everyone. People with disabilities requiring additional services or alternative formats in order to participate in the meeting should call Larry Best at (517) 373-2062.

MCB provides opportunities for individuals with visual disabilities to achieve independence and/or employment. The commission's five-member policy board, appointed by the governor, oversees programs throughout Michigan and serves an average of more than 5,000 state residents annually. MCB is administratively attached to the Family Independence Agency.

For further information, contact MCB at (517) 373-2062 or consult the FIA website at www.michigan.gov/fia